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COUNTY OF KERN  
MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Hope, Recovery and Independence

**PAROLEE SERVICES NETWORK  
REGIONAL MEETING  
Kern County Mental Health  
3300 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield  
October 10, 2007**

**PRESENT:**

Sandra Gates – KCMH  
Shirley Kluver – Turning Point  
Cindy Coe – KCMH

Bill Brooks – College Community Services  
Lily Alvarez – KCMH

**SUMMARY MINUTES:**

1. **Introductions:** Accomplished. ADP, CDCR, and Gate Team representatives are attending the annual Prop 36 conference.
2. **Approval of August 8, 2007 meeting minutes:** Minutes approved by consensus.
3. **Follow-up items:** Deferred.
  - A. Page 1, Item 3 A: *Ms. Phoenix will follow up on the issue of who had made the POC decision not to let the psychiatrists or psychologists go out in the field with the parole agent to service clients.*
  - B. Page 1, Item 3 B: *Ms. Phoenix will clarify with ADP the issue of whether ADP would support a zero tolerance for alcohol, including any environment where alcohol is the primary business.*
4. **State ADP Issues:** Not present.
5. **State CDCR Issues:** Not present.
6. **Kern County Parole Issues:** Not present.
7. **Provider Issues:**
  - A. College Community Services: Mr. Brooks introduced discussion regarding the very low census, which is a chronic issue, and would like to initiate a solution. Ms. Alvarez indicated she would ask Audrey Presley, gatekeeper at Sillect



Avenue, to facilitate a meeting with College Community Services staff and parole. Ms. Alvarez reported that, with the budget cuts that will be necessary, she will be taking the Prop 36 gatekeeper out of the Parole site, which would leave only the PSN gatekeeper. Parolees will be required to report to 1415 Truxtun to be assessed for Prop 36.

- B. Turning Point: Ms. Kluver reported that they have three PSN clients left. One is going into aftercare this month, another next month, and the final should be completing in January.

Members discussed the lack of PSN referrals and possible reasons for the low number, including Parole referring clients instead to Prop 36 or Drug Court.

- C. WestCare: Not present.

**8. Mental Health Issues:**

- A. Parole now has an agent assigned specifically to Prop 36 cases.
- B. ADP would like to host a regional PSN Administrator meeting, having one for the Central Valley; Ms. Alvarez will let PSN providers know if they will be invited to attend.
- C. ADP has indicated they will be visiting local PSN providers, doing site visits. They also would like provider input in policy issues that may come up in the future.
- D. Mr. Brooks questioned whether Parole staff attend this meeting; Ms. Alvarez responded that with recent transitions, we have not had the same level of participation, but is not sure of the reason.

Members discussed the possibility of requesting that the PSN parole agents attend this meeting.

- E. Members discussed the appointment of Kathy Jett, former ADP director, to an undersecretary position with CDCR and what changes may happen in the next few years considering her background with ADP.
- F. Mr. Brooks indicated that the big issue for them is the lack of PSN referrals, and would like to meet with Parole to try to facilitate referrals and educate them about their agency and programs. They have 5 slots in Ridgecrest and 5 in Lake Isabella.
- G. Mr. Brooks reported that the Matrix Model is doing well in their clinics, and they should see an increase in employee productivity due to the increase in client

contacts. The downside is trying to meet the optimal caseload size. They are also looking at the Matrix for adolescents.

- H. Ms. Alvarez reported that, with some carryover funds from the meth grant, the Department plans to make the evaluator, Dr. Dixie King of Transforming Local Communities available to work with providers who are doing the Matrix Model, to look for fidelity and infrastructure.
- I. Ms. Kluver reported that all the residential beds at Turning Point are now occupied by parolees funded through CDCR contracts, and she is hoping some day to find other facilities for outpatient services and possibly other Turning Point Services.
- J. Ms. Alvarez reported that Seven Folds is a Drug Medi-Cal provider delivering ODF and day care habilitative services to adolescents. They would like to build a referral base for children of parolees. Ms. Kluver agreed to make contact with Seven Fold to discuss options that may be available through their clinic.

9. Next meeting **January 9, 2008**, at Kern County Mental Health Administration.

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Attachments to original minutes:  
None